

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A seal device (4) for providing a seal against a sealing object fluid between a rotary shaft and a housing accommodating said rotary shaft extending therethrough, said seal device comprising:

a) a seal ring (11) being mounted onto said housing and having a seal surface (11B);

b) a seal lip member (15) being arranged in on an the opposite side of said seal surface (11B) of said seal ring (11), an outer peripheral portion of said seal lip member (15) being mounted on said housing, said seal lip member (15) having a lip portion (15A), said lip portion (15A) being that is bent to be parallel relative to a longitudinal axis of said rotary shaft and extends toward a fluid side to be in ~~brought into~~ fitting close contact with said rotary shaft; and

c) a face end seal (2) opposing to said seal ring (11) and being fixed on said rotary shaft in a fluid tight seal manner, said face end seal (2) having a protruding lip member (3), ~~said protruding lip member (3)~~ extending from a lower ~~one~~ end portion thereof toward said seal surface (11B) and being capable of forming close contact with said seal surface (11B),

wherein said protruding lip member (3) is at an angle to said seal surface (11B) in radially outward a direction which is in ~~the~~ a pressurized fluid side; and

wherein said lip portion (15A) of said seal lip member (15) is disposed inside an inner diameter surface (11A) of said seal ring (11) for effecting a seal against the fluid.

2. **(Currently Amended)** A The seal device ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1, wherein said seal lip member (15) is made of synthetic resin material and said protruding lip member (3) is made of rubber material.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A The seal device ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein a backup ring (7) is disposed on an inner circumferential surface of said protruding lip member (3) and provides a support for said protruding lip member (3).

4. **(Currently Amended)** A The seal device ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein a pressure receiving area (S1) of said end face seal (2) which a said sealing object fluid acts on in an axial direction and is located in an outer circumferential side of said protruding lip member (3) is arranged larger than an opposite pressure receiving area (S2) which is located on a back end face of said end face seal (2).

5. **(Currently Amended)** A The seal device ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said end face seal (2) retains a reinforcement ring (4) which has an inner circumference support portion (4A) ~~and said inner circumference support portion (4A)~~ that is supported by a detent (6).

6. **(Currently Amended)** A The seal device ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said lip portion (15A) of said seal lip member (15) is fitted in said inner diameter surface (11A) of said seal ring (11) with a clearance gap defined therebetween.

7. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 1, wherein said face end seal is fixed directly on said rotary shaft.

8. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 1, wherein said protruding lip member of said face end seal opposes an axially end face of said seal ring.

9. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 8, wherein said axially end face of said seal ring is said seal surface.

10. **(New)** A seal device for providing a seal against a sealing object fluid between a rotary shaft and a housing accommodating said rotary shaft extending therethrough, said seal device comprising:

a seal ring mounted onto said housing and having a seal surface;

a seal lip member arranged on an opposite side of said seal surface of said seal ring, an outer peripheral portion of said seal lip member being mounted on said housing, said seal lip member having a lip portion that is in fitting close contact with said rotary shaft; and

a face end seal opposing said seal ring and directly fixed on said rotary shaft in a fluid tight seal manner, said face end seal having a protruding lip member extending from an end portion thereof toward said seal surface and being capable of forming close contact with said seal surface,

wherein said protruding lip member is at an angle to said seal surface in radially outward a direction which is in a pressurized fluid side; and

wherein said lip portion of said seal lip member is disposed inside an inner diameter surface of said seal ring for effecting a seal against the fluid.

11. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 10, wherein said seal lip member is made of synthetic resin material and said protruding lip member is made of rubber material.

12. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 10, wherein a backup ring is disposed on an inner circumferential surface of said protruding lip member and provides a support for said protruding lip member.

13. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 10, wherein a pressure receiving area of said end face seal which said sealing object fluid acts on in an axial direction and is located in an outer circumferential side of said protruding lip member is arranged larger than an opposite pressure receiving area which is located on a back end face of said end face seal.

14. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 10, wherein said end face seal retains a reinforcement ring which has an inner circumference support portion that is supported by a detent.

15. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 10, wherein said lip portion of said seal lip member is fitted in said inner diameter surface of said seal ring with a clearance gap defined therebetween.

16. **(New)** The seal device according to claim 10, wherein said protruding lip member of said face end seal opposes an axially end face of said seal ring.